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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

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1. PART TWO OF THE YOUTH PARA FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOLLOWS. IT IS BASED ON A BACKGROUND OF CONTINUING AND CLOSE US- FRG POLITICAL, DEFENSE, EOOMIC, AND SOCIAL TIES. THERE ARE ON- GOING MUTUAL INTERESTS AND BOTH GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO GIVE VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT TIES AND FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THESE. THERE IS A LARGE OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT PRESENCEIN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND A STRONG AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE WHICH SERVES THE INTERETS OF BOTH COUNTRIE AS WELL AS THE NATO ALLIANCE. THE UNITED STATE HAS BEEN HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY LARGE SEGMENTS OF THE GERMAN POPULATION EVEN THOUGH THIS ESTEEM HAS IN THE MORE RECENT PAST SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED. THE FRG IS A VIABLE DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED. US OFFICIALS HAVE EXCELLENT ACCESS TO THEIR GERMAN COUNTERPARTS. DEVELOPMENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES ARE COVERED BY RESIDENT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. THE PROBLEM IS TOCONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE GERMAN POLITICAL, DEFENSE, ECONOMY, AND SOCIAL LEADERSHIPS TO HIGH DEGREE.

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2. IB THIS EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE IS THAT A GREAT MANY OF THOSE ACTIVE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN THE YOUTH WINGS OF POLITICAL PARTIES STAY IN POLITICS AS THEY GROW OLDER AND AT A LATER DATE, CONSTITUTE MUCH OF THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEADERSHIPS OF THESE PARTIES. LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS ALSO TEND TO HAVE LATER POLITICAL IMPORTANCE. AT LEAST SINCE 1965, MANY OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BECOME " POLITICALLY ORIENTED" AS HAVE MANY OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNIONS. YOUNG MEDIA PROFESSIONALS HAVE A FAR GREATER IMPACT THAN PREVIOUSLY ON PUBLIC OPINION IN GENERAL AS WELL AS ON EMERGING AND ESTABLISHED POLITICAL LEADERSHIPS. FURTHER, MEDIA PROFESSIONALS ARE BECOMING MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN POLITICS. SEVERAL CITIZENS' INITIATIVES HAVE EMERGED IN RECENT YEARS AND MEDIA PROFESSIONALS HAVE PLAYED LEADING ROLES IN THESE.

3. IC SHORT TERM YOUTH IMPACT ON US INTERESTS IS ESPECIALLY POSSIBLE FROM THE YOUTH WING OF THE SPD SINCE THIS ORGANIZATION HAS INFLUENCE WITHIN THE PARENT PARTY AND TO A LESSER DEGREE ON THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. THERE IS ALSO DISTINCT SHORT- TERM IMPACT BY YOUNG MEDIA PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENT TEACHERS. THE OTHER CATEGORIES CITED IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF THE REFTEL HAVE LONG- TERM RATHER THAN SHORT- TERM IMPACT.

4. IIB ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERSHIPS AND RELATIONS WITH THESE LEADERSHIPS IS THE KEY TO CONTINUING TO INFLUENCE NOT ONLY THE DECISION- MAKING PROCESS BUT ALSO IN MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE US; INFLUENCING ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC US INTERESTS; AND FOSTERING A CONDUCIVE CLIMATE FOR TRADE. POLITICAL LEADERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN INFLUENCING GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION AS ARE MEDIA PROFESSIONALS. US EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES ARE DIRECTED AT THESE ELITE GROUPS AS WELL AS THE WIDER AUDIENCE. IN THE LATTER INSTANCE, A FAVORABLE CLIMATE MAKES EASIER THE WORK OF THOSE

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SUPPORTING PRESENT AND IMPROVED US- FRG TIES. UNDERSTANDING AND FOLLOWING INCIPENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL READING SERVES TO IDENTIFY EMERGING LEADERS AS WELL AS PROBLEM AREAS. THIS PROCESS HAS VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR EMBASSY COCT EFFORTS AS WELL AS ITS ACTIVITIES TO INFLUENCE EMERGING LEADERSHIPS.

5. IIIA. IVP GRANTS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING GERMAN POLITICAL, DEFENSE, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LEADERSHIPS. AS THIS

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EMBASSY HAS STATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, THE PRESENT NUMBER OF IVP GRANTS IS TOO SMALL TO INSURE THE SAME IMPACT ON EMERGING GERMAN LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS. THE NUMBER IS TOO SMALL TO EVEN COVER THE POLITICAL SECTOR ADEQUATELY. THE EMBASSY GIVES GREAT WEIGHT IN ITS CHOICE OF IVP GRANTEES TO THOSE WITH AN APPARENT POLITICAL FUTURE. WHEREAS THE AVERAGE AGE OF IVP GRANTEES IS NOW PROBABLY IN THE 35-40 RANGE, AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FULL GRANTEES COULD ALLOW THIS EMBASSY TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THOSE TAKING THE FIRST IMPORTANT STEP ON CAREER LADDERS.

6. IIIB SEMBASSY WANTS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BOTH GERMAN AND AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. A VIABLE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY GERMAN AND AMERICAN PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO CONTINUING AND IMPROVING PRESENTLY CLOSE TIES. THE FIRST BEGINNINGS OF SUCH A PROGRAM ARE UNDERWAY BUT FOR THIS PROGRAM TO DEVELOP PROPERLY, AN ADEQUATE AND ON- GOING FUNDING BASE MUST BE DEVELOPED. PRIVATE FOUNDATION MONIES COULD SUPPLEMENT THOSE PROVI

PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENTS. AN EQUAL NEED EXISTS TO  
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AND LABOR LEADERS.

7. IIIC THERE ARE NO PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS IN THE FRG.

8. IVB YOUTH IS RATED VERY HIGH BECAUSE OF THIS  
EMBASSY' S EMPHASIS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE,  
COOPERATIVE, AND PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE  
OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. MAINTENANCE OF THESE  
TIES INTO THE FUTURE REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION AS WELL AS  
CONTACT LEADING TO ACCESS AND INFLUENCE.

9. IVC (1 A) PERSONNEL TIME, INCLUDING CONSTITUENT POSTS  
AND USIS FIELD INSTALLATIONS. 30 PERCENT OF THE  
PERSONNEL TIME OF ALL USIS OFFICERS SHOULD BE EARMARKED  
FOR YOUTH WORK. THAT CORRESPONDS TO 97 MAN MONTHS PER  
YEAR. TWENTY PERCENT OF THE PERSONNEL TIME OF ALL STATE  
OFFICERS SHOULD SIMILARLY BE SO EARMARKED. THIS  
CORRESPONDS TO 63 MAN MONTHS PER YEAR.

10. IVC (1 B) CONTACT WORK--25 PERCENT; REPORTING--10  
PERCENT; PROGRAM WORK--65 PERCENT.

11. IVC (1 C) RESPONSIBILITY AMONG AGENCIES IS  
DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: USIS 60 PERCENT; AND STATE 40  
PERCENT.

12. IVC (2) PERCENTAGE OF EMBASSY' S AVAILABLE  
RESOURCES WHICH SHOULD BE APPLIED TO YOUTH AND  
POTENTIAL LEADER PURPOSES: 60 PERCENT OF CU BUDGET;  
AND 40 PERCENT OF USIS BUDGET.  
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